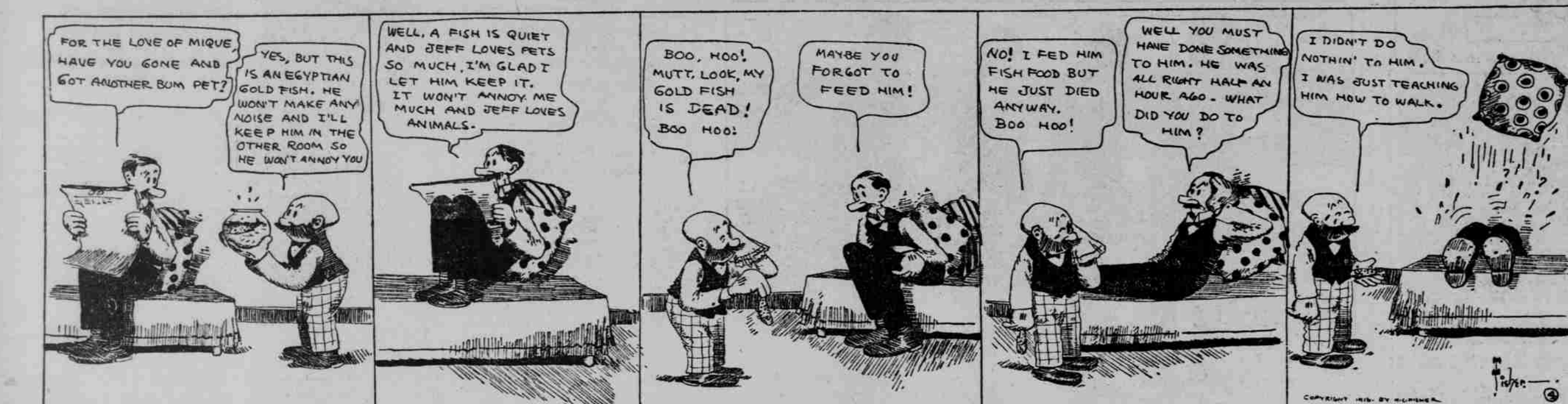


## MUTT &amp; JEFF—Jeff Should Have Gotten a Dog License for His Fish

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Trade Mark Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.)By **BUD FISHER** **MILLEN ARRIVES**

## IF BILL SHAKESPEARE HAD ONLY BEEN AT THE BALL PARK SUNDAY!

Famous Old Bard of Avon Could Have Written the Tragedy of Tragedies.

If Old Bill Shakespeare had been in Topeka Sunday he not only could have enjoyed the cool August afternoon, but incidentally could have picked up enough material to keep him busy pushing his old faithful quill all winter.

Early in the afternoon Old Bill probably could have gotten meat for a five act playlet from an interview with Manager Engle, and later on, well—he could have taken enough notes to have written the tragedy of tragedies.

Even before the double disaster began Mr. Shakespeare could have begun gathering data. Manager Engle was engaged in conversation with ye scribe, and he had been asked that old question that every Topeka fan has asked over and over:

"What's the matter with the Topeka team?"

Engle replied in substance as follows:

A Luckless Team.

"In the first place, it is a luckless team. You can say what you want to about luck, but ever since I have been here, enough luck has played an important part in keeping us from climbing the ladder of the players and have come against us consistently, always. And, every time we get started on the upward climb, something happens to some of the players and the winning combination is broken up by injuries."

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## END TENNIS PLAY

All City Tourneys Will Be Wound Up Tomorrow.

Semi-Finals in Men's Singles Scheduled This Afternoon.

Wet courts prevented the finish of the Topeka championship Saturday, but one of the Y. M. C. A. courts being dry enough to play on. However two of the playground events were finished. Miss Lucille Smith (Potwin) won the 16-year class title by defeating Miss Laura Delmire (Polk) by scores of 6-0, 6-2. At the same time Miss Mary Hillier, another future Topeka tennis star, had a hard time beating the fine play of Miss Frances Dolan in the 14-year singles. She won after a three set struggle by scores of 1-6, 6-4, 9-7.

In the women's championship singles Miss Bertha Kitchell defeated Miss Kate Williams easily, winning 6-2, 6-3. MacGregor won the City park championship by beating Claude Swenson in two long sets. The Heath-Nettels match was the highlight of the tourneys lasting over two hours. The first set was costly, 6-4, 6-1. The second set seemed on the way to the way of the first when after a row of 6 match points against him Heath pulled and won the set, 8-6. The last set was a question of physical endurance finally going to Nettels at 11-9. Groff defeated Burch in straight sets.

The Play Today.

Tonight Miss Lucille Smith will finish her match with Miss V. Smith and the winner will play Miss Laura Gates. The finals will be played tomorrow night. Netels will play Nettels at 5:30 and MacGregor will meet Groff at 5:00.

The finals in the men's singles will also be played now to the schedule and many double headers are needed to clean things up. It's a bit hard on the players during the hottest part of the season and at a time when teams with chances at the pennant want to make every game count.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

R. H. E.  
Boston..... 1 1 1  
Chicago..... 5 11 0  
Batteries: Horns, Ragan, Reulbach and Blackburn and Taggart; Carter and Elliott.

R. H. E.  
Brooklyn..... 13 17 1  
Cleveland..... 11 11  
Batteries: Coffey, Cashion, Moran and Dillhoefer; Smith, Appleton and Meyers; Mosley, Schulz, Knetzer and Wingo and Clark.

No other games played.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

R. H. E.  
First Indianapolis game:..... 1 1 1  
Toledo..... 1 1 1  
Batteries: Redent and Sweney; Aldridge and Schang.

R. H. E.  
Second game:..... 1 1 1  
Toledo..... 1 1 1  
Batteries: Strand and Wells; George and Schang.

R. H. E.  
First Minneapolis game:..... 1 1 1  
Milwaukee..... 12 11 2  
Batteries: Slapnicka and Dillhoefer; Stumpf, Burk and Owens.

R. H. E.  
Second game:..... 1 1 1  
Milwaukee..... 1 1 1  
Batteries: Slapnicka and Dillhoefer; Stumpf, Burk and Owens.

R. H. E.  
First St. Paul game:..... 1 1 1  
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Batteries: Crutcher and Berry; Letfield and Clemens.

R. H. E.  
Second game:..... 1 1 1  
St. Paul..... 1 1 1  
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R. H. E.  
First Columbus game:..... 1 1 1  
Louisville..... 0 2 2  
Columbus..... 0 2 2  
Batteries: Schaefer and Williams; Davis and La Longe.

R. H. E.  
Second game:..... 1 1 1  
Louisville..... 0 2 2  
Columbus..... 0 2 2  
Batteries: Schaefer and Williams; Davis and La Longe.

R. H. E.  
First St. Louis game:..... 1 1 1  
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Batteries: Schaefer and Williams; Davis and La Longe.

R. H. E.  
Second game:..... 1 1 1  
St. Louis..... 1 1 1  
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R. H. E.  
First Omaha game:..... 1 1 1  
Lincoln..... 0 0 0  
Omaha..... 0 0 0  
Batteries: Gardner and Bohner; O'Toole and Marshall.

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St. Joseph..... 0 0 0  
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## Noodles and Nuggets Dug from the Dope Pot By Clug

Another end is coming fast. And it's the same old tale. Both Kansas teams are way behind. And climbing like a snail.

What is there about Topeka and Wichita that keeps them from catching up to the pennant race? Year after year it is the same old story, despite the fact that those in charge seem to exert every effort to put out winners.

Is it that the red rust of the wheat fields gets on the blubs of the players after they come to Kansas and renders them less efficient? Or can it be that the pollen of the sunflower blows into the players' eyes, blurring the sight and blurring the vision?

Some mysterious power is working against the players of the Kansas teams. Of this there can be no doubt. As to what it is, probably the fates or some of the wise fans could tell. We will not attempt it, but we will say that few players who have looked as good for their put on Savages uniforms as they did before. And few have played the same brand of ball.

Some of the fans will tell you that the fault lies at the doorstep of the management. But this argument can be made to spring enough holes to run it dry in no time. Some baseball men will attempt to convince you that part of the blame for the poor showing of the team this season should be borne by the patrons of the game here. They claim that an unusual amount of betting is indulged in and that those who bet become knuckers when they lose and that the knocking hurts the work of the players.

It may be true that there is more gambling on the games in Topeka than in other places in the league. And it may be equally true that those who gamble become knuckers when they lose a few bets. But ballplayers who allow a few play gamblers to affect their playing by criticisms are not the kind of players who have the stamina to fight the battles that have to be fought before a pennant is won.

WINS FOR LAWRENCE. Star Topeka Pitcher Defeats Fast Team Piloted by Dummy Taylor. Lawrence, Kan., Aug. 28.—Hurling for the Lawrence team against Dummy Taylor's Olathe aggregation today, Saffie bested Taylor in a two-inning battle. Lawrence won 2 to 1. Saffie struck out twenty-two and allowed but four hits. Schaefer, Saffie's battery mate on the Ideal team at Topeka, caught for Lawrence.

It is reported that Saffie is to be given a trial with the Topeka Savages this fall.

Western Association Results. Fort Smith, 8; Sherman, 5. Oklahoma City, 4-3; McAlester, 7-1. Muskogee, 1; Tulsa, 2. Paris-Denison, rain.

Be's Out to Rival Walter. Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 28.—Arthur

## ON FINAL GRIND

Welsh and White Start Last Week's Training Today.

Sabbath Day Spent by Both on Sightseeing Trip.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug